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MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Driving Factors

- EPA NOx SIP Call
- 3-State MOU on SIP Call Budgets
- OTC NOx MOU
- Massachusetts Attainment Submittal

MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Process to date

- February 1999: Data requested from sources
- March 1999: Pre-hearing draft regulation
- April 1999: Held 2 "rule review" meetings
- July 1: Issued draft regulation and technical support document

MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Overview

- Initial three-year allocation (2003-2005), based on five years of historical output data
- Subsequent allocations: Annual, based on rolling historical output data
- Set asides for new units, energy efficiency and renewable energy development
- Allocation for useful steam output

MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Budget Derivation

- Attainment Submittal: Lower of SIP Call & OTC MOU
 - ◆SIP Call & 3-State MOU, Including non-EGU: 13,206
 - ◆OTC MOU, Including non-EGU: 13,194 Tons
- ⇒Budget Driven by OTC MOU

MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Allocation Components (Tons)

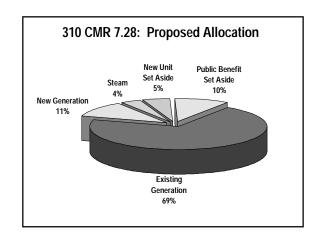
Trading Program Budget
New Unit Set Aside
Public Benefit Set Aside
13,194
- 660
- 1,320

■ Budget for Allocation 11,215

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MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Allocation To Sources (Tons)

Existing Electric Generation
 Existing Steam Generation
 Recently Permitted Units
 Total
 9,269
 480
 1,466
 11,215



MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Allocation Method

- Determine electrical output:
 - ◆ Existing units: Average over two highest of five years, 1994-1998, net electric generation
 - ◆ Recently-permitted: Nameplate capacity at 90% capacity factor
- Multiply electrical output by 1.5 lbs/MWh
- Add allocation for steam generation
- Adjust resulting allocations proportionately so that total of allocations is 11,215 tons

MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Allocation for Useful Steam Output

- Data: Estimate of heat input dedicated to useful steam output
- Converted to tons based on following simplified assumptions:
 - ◆ Thermal efficiency 80%
 - ◆ Output standard of 0.44 lbs/mmBtu (conversion from 1.5 lbs/MWh)

MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Data used

- February 1999 request: for 1995, 1996,& 1997 (full year and ozone season):
 - + Heat input
 - + Net electrical output
 - + Estimate of heat input to steam output
- May 1999 request:
 - Additional years, 1994 and 1998

MA NOx Allowance Trading Program: Allocation to New Units from Set Aside

Distributed 1st come/1st served based on following formula:

(Nameplate Capacity) * (3672 hrs) * (0.9) * (0.2 lbs/MWh) 2000 lbs/ton

Where

0.9 = assumed capacity factor

0.2 lbs/MWh = emission rate representative of recently permitted generation

- If new unit set aside depleted, may allocated from public benefits set aside
- Fold into program as existing source by 2006

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Schedule for promulgation of 310 CMR 7.28, MA Allowance Trading Program

- July 1999 Draft regulations issued for public comment
- August 3,4 Public hearings
- August 6 Written comments due
- Fall 1999 Issue final regulations
- May 1, 2003 Implementation
- Proposal available at: www.state.ma.us/dep
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